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Excise Officers Issue 57 Tickets During Ball State Move-In Weekend

MUNCIE, Ind. (Aug. 19) – Indiana State Excise Police officers issued 57 citations while patrolling around Ball State University Friday and Saturday nights.

On Friday, excise officers cited 19 people on a total of 32 charges, most for illegal consumption of alcohol. Additional tickets were issued for minor transporting alcohol, possession of false ID, open container violation and traffic offenses. Two adults were cited for furnishing alcohol to a minor. One juvenile was cited for illegal possession of alcohol and possession of tobacco.

On Saturday, officers cited 15 minors on 19 charges that included illegal possession of alcohol, possession of marijuana, false informing and various traffic violations. Two adults were cited for furnishing alcohol to minors.

Everyone cited this weekend will appear in court on later dates.

Indiana State Excise Police officers, who are the enforcement division of the Indiana Alcohol & Tobacco Commission, were working in Muncie this weekend as part of the Intensified College Enforcement, or ICE, program launched last semester. The program aims to reduce underage access to and use of alcohol at six college campuses: Ball State, Butler, Indiana, Indiana State, Notre Dame and Purdue.

“Young adults entering college and beginning their lives beyond the high school years is expected to be an exciting time,” Superintendent Matt Strittmatter said. “It is our responsibility to ensure that freshmen begin their college experience safely and within the confines of the law, which means that we will continue to make certain that the accessibility of alcohol to underage students is minimized for their safety as well as the community as a whole.”

While excise officers have the authority to enforce any state law, they focus primarily on alcohol, tobacco and related violations.

All criminal defendants are to be presumed innocent until, and unless, proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.